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Sir:

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The cited documents were first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a European Search Report dated July 13, 2004, which was forwarded in a Communication dated July 19, 2004, (copies enclosed) from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European patent application.

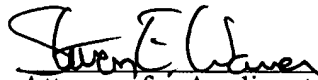
U.S. Patent Nos. 6,445,093 and 6,441,514 were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 28, 2004.

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